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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Earth Liberation Front
and ecological terrorism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGLISH (for himself, Mr. McINNIS, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CANNON, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. OTTER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Earth
Liberation Front and ecological terrorism.

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front and related organizations have perpetrated over one-thousand crimes against private and public property;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front has continually endangered human lives by setting fire to private and public property;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front has stated that it will not hesitate to “take up the gun” to meet its objectives;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front has adopted terrorist tactics in place of peaceful means of political expression;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front actively promotes the use of violent methods to achieve political goals;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front undermines the physical security of American families and businesses;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for an October 18, 1998 act of arson at a ski resort in Vail, Colorado that resulted in approximately \$12 million in damages;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for a December 31, 1999 act of arson at Michigan State University that resulted in approximately \$400,000 in damages;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front celebrated and claimed responsibility for a March 24, 2002 arson attack on construction equipment at Wintergreen Gorge in Erie, Pennsylvania which resulted in more than \$500,000 in damages;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for an act of arson against the United States Forest Service Northeast Research Station in Irvine, Pennsylvania on August 11, 2002, resulting in \$700,000 in damages;

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for a November 26, 2002 act of arson against a private mink farm in Erie, Pennsylvania, resulting in at least \$90,000 in damages; and

Whereas the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for a January 1, 2003 act of arson against an automobile dealership in Girard, Pennsylvania, causing an estimated \$97,000 in damage: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring), That (a) the Congress (1) condemns the*
 3 *Earth Liberation Front and its perpetration of actions*
 4 *that destroy private property and endanger human lives;*
 5 *(2) denounces the Earth Liberation Front's press arm and*
 6 *its rhetorical support of action that endangers the lives*
 7 *of private property owners, government officials, law en-*
 8 *forcement and firefighters; (3) deplores the Earth Libera-*
 9 *tion Front and its destruction of at least \$40 million in*
 10 *private property; and (4) condemns the Earth Liberation*
 11 *Front for its adoption of terrorist tactics.*

12 (b) It is the Sense of Congress that the Attorney Gen-
 13 eral and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
 14 tion should: (1) aggressively seek to investigate and punish
 15 actions undertaken by the Earth Liberation Front and its
 16 supporters; (2) pursue the Earth Liberation Front as a
 17 terrorist organization; (3) work closely with state and local
 18 law enforcement to combat the Earth Liberation Front
 19 and its destruction of private property; and (4) continue
 20 to exhaust all resources in the fight against all forms of
 21 terrorism, foreign and domestic

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